

THE MAPLETON ITEM. Extra.

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Work of the Flood!

No Communication by Rail.

A Telegraph Wire to Altoona.

Great Loss of Life—Still a Need for Provisions.

When the ITEM-extra of last Saturday was issued the floods had submerged the greater part of Mapleton and but meagre information could be had; consequently, much contained therein was conjecture. But since the waters have subsided the bare facts are found to substantiate every statement, and have demonstrated that much has not yet been told.

But, referring to that extra, it will be necessary to give additional information concerning the statements contained therein. The waters receded rapidly from Saturday morning, and last evening were confined to the bed of the stream, but were yet very high. They are still subsiding this morning and the "Blue Juniata" now apparently hangs her head in shame at the destruction she has caused.

About noon Saturday it was learned that no lives were lost on the opposite side of the river, all, however, having made narrow escapes.

The losses at this writing are shown to be greater than at first supposed. Of course, no inventory has been made but a very close estimate would be as follows:

Mapleton Tannery, \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Phillips & Son, lumber, etc., \$600.

J. G. Gillam, stock, \$2,000 to \$2,500.

B. O'Connor & Sons, stock, \$1,500 to \$2,000.

A. J. Foster, stock, \$800.

J. P. Wilson, tenant house, and his brick dwelling was greatly damaged. His household goods were injured very much. \$1,500 will not more than cover his loss.

W. H. Fisher, dwelling house, \$350.

John Barkley, dwelling house and household goods, \$400.

J. E. McConahy, house, \$150.

Kendig & Hostetter, heading mill and

lumber, \$2,000.

E. Robley, dwelling house, barn, two tenant houses—one double—farming implements, crops, etc., \$6,000 to \$8,000.

A. C. Fisher, all his household goods.

S. W. Craig, lost all his household goods.

M. L. Rex had two houses moved. \$50 may replace them.

Speer White Sand Company's Juniata works were struck by a canal bridge and were slightly damaged, but floating timbers did some damage to the machinery. Both their Juniata and Empire works will require considerable work before they can be put in operation.

John Clemens' house was overturned. \$100 may be necessary to cover his loss.

George Parmer, Abram Skipper, Absalom Kelley, William Long and Warren Young, who occupied the three houses at the lock opposite town, lost all their household goods.

John Banks had two tenant houses moved and many rods of his fence was taken away.

Mrs. M. J. Hooper's house was moved and her household goods were much damaged.

The following persons suffered additional damages in the way of ice-houses, barns, stables and other buildings or of personal property: Levi Wright, Miss Mollie Brandt, P. M. Hooper, W. B. Stone, J. P. Wilson, L. M. Speer, S. Hatfield, James Montgomery, Susan Montgomery, A. Broombaugh, J. F. Miller, J. M. Miller, J. D. Wood, Bruce Yocum, S. Robley, George Foreman, B. F. Pheasant, Frank Walleit, Barkley estate, Mrs. Hawn, Jno. C. Garrett, E. E. Bell, David Hutchinson, W. C. Sorrick, A. Heeter, L. F. Randolph, John A. McHugh, B. O'Conner & Sons, William Parker, Wm. C. Banks, Wm. Banks, H. S. Smith, J. C. Estep, S. P. Stubbs, Philip McLaughlin, and perhaps others whom we do not recall. All of these and many others had their supply of provisions also destroyed.

A number of citizens assembled on Saturday afternoon and organized a relief committee which provided places for all those who were unable to occupy their houses.

Several wagon loads of provisions were brought in from Cassville, Satillo, and neighboring valleys yesterday, due mention of which will be made hereafter. These provisions have all been distributed and more are needed. Many people are without provisions now and are unable to buy.

Yesterday, hundreds of people from Huntingdon, Mill Creek, Mount Union, Newton Hamilton, Saltillo, Cassville

and the surrounding valleys viewed the destruction at this place. In the evening General Superintendent Pettitt and Chief Engineer Brown arrived in town from Philadelphia having made the trip by walking, boating and using engines or hand cars wherever possible, enroute for Altoona. They say it will be impossible to run trains over the road inside of a month.

The track hands removed the obstructions from the road at this place yesterday and a telegraph wire has been run from Altoona. The foremen have orders to employ all the men they can get.

Meagre reports are coming in from other places, but some allowance must be made for rumors.

The worst destruction of lives occurred at Johnstown, where the reservoir burst. 800 to 1,000 lives were lost before 10.45 o'clock, Saturday morning, but the report on Sunday morning placed the number of lives lost at 8,000 to 10,000, and from Altoona to Pittsburgh, at 30,000. On Sunday evening, a later dispatch was received, stating that 3,000 lives were lost at Johnstown. Houses were taken away or moved at Birmingham, Spruce Creek, and Barree. Property at Tyrone Forges is ruined. Two passenger trains, one of them Day express with 140 passengers on board, and a construction train with 40 workmen were swept away at Johnstown. The Cambria Iron company's plant is gone.

At Huntingdon, several houses were moved in Portstown and Mrs. John Logan, who lived below town, was drowned. Her body was found. B. R. Foust & Son lose about \$4,000 damage to their mill and grain at Mill Creek. At the latter place, two houses were washed away and a Miss Frew was drowned near there. Her body was found at the bridge above Mill Creek.

At Newton Hamilton, the houses of Mrs. Smelker and George Watts, two lock houses—occupied by Thomas Johnston and John Kyle,—and a tenant house on James Dysart's farm—occupied by Victor Baker—were taken away with all their contents. The brick house of Henry Graham was destroyed and Charles Ewing's house was moved off its foundation. The bridge is gone and many out-buildings were taken away. At this point, the water attained a height of eight feet and four inches above the flood mark of 1847. Gifford's mill at Vineyard was destroyed.

One of the bridges at Huntingdon and a county bridge at Union Furnace are still standing. All the railroad bridges between here and Mifflin are gone, excepting the one at Mount Union.

Thirty houses are reported as having been taken away at Everett.

But two bridges are left on the line of the East Broad Top railroad.

Very few lives have been lost between Altoona and Mifflin, unless it be along Raystown branch.

The borough authorities put men to work this morning cleaning up the debris and the engine and train which was lying at Jackstown is being used as a gravel train to assist in grading the railroad. The entire force at the tannery is working hard to get it ready to run. Nothing can yet be done at the heading factory.

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